

## Decorative Art Work.

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## SOME KONA COFFEE LANDS.

THE CULTIVATION OF THE BERBERRY INCREASING RAPIDLY.

Property of the Kona Coffee Company Described—Notes of Other Plantations in Vicinity.

The lands of the Kona Coffee Company are situated about three miles back of Kailua in the Kona District of the Island of Hawaii and consist of 1190 acres. Of this 96 acres is in actual cultivation, the trees being placed 9 feet apart each way and running in size from one to three-year-old plants. The property is owned by E. B. Barthrop, Dr. Capron and others, the former being the manager. Mr. Barthrop was formerly engaged in the drug business at Port Townsend, Washington, and came here first for the benefit of his health. This so much improved after a short residence here that he concluded to make Hawaii his home and the raising of coffee his future business. The company is now having 120 acres of forest and as land cleared ready for planting next year. There are 30,000 thriving coffee plants in the nursery, in spite of the fact that 40,000 have been planted therefrom this year.

Mr. Barthrop is described as a young American hustler, who keeps things moving on the plantation. Among the work now in progress on the place is the construction of a stone wall up the mountain side 15,000 feet long. He has also put up a wire cable 7500 feet long 1/2 inch diameter for the transporting of ferns to different parts of the plantation. These ferns are strewn about between the coffee plants and have the double effect of killing off the weeds and making an efficient fertilizer. They rot out in about eighteen months, when a fresh lot is used.

Manager Barthrop has a neat and comfortable house standing at an elevation of 1300 feet, the coffee being planted at various altitudes ranging from 1000 to 2000 feet. The company has recently acquired the Dr. Lindley place on which are several acres of 3-year-old coffee trees which will bear this year, and has also sublet 200 acres of its own land to the North Kona Company, a new corporation, which started in on the first of August to clear fifty acres for planting next year.

Waldemar Muller's place is about three-quarters of a mile distant on the same road. It consists of 26 acres, of which 20 are in cultivation, some 22,000 trees being set out thereon which are now coming three years old. The plantation has an elevation of 1600 feet and is all aa land. Mr. Muller claims that coffee does better on aa land than on forest and in proof thereof offers the record of one of his trees an average of a number not quite three years old; it was selected and the berries counted in the presence of a representative of the BULLETIN. The tree contained exactly forty branches, of which one was agreed on by those present as an average and the berries thereon counted. There were 157, which, multiplied by the number of branches on the tree, gives a total of 6280 berries, which at the standard rate of 2000 to the pound, gives a little over three pounds to the tree. Mr. Muller claims this record cannot be equalled for the age of the tree in any coffee country in the world.

Two of Mr. Muller's boys, aged 10 and 12 years respectively, cultivate and keep clean four acres of coffee without extra help. He intends shortly to erect the necessary house and drying sheds for cleaning and curing his coffee, and has a system of portable trays on an inclined railway scheme of his own invention which he thinks will work to a charm. By this system the trays from any number of tiers in the drying shed are switched on to a track which can be raised or depressed at will and thence run out into the sun or back again

without handling. Those familiar with coffee culture are aware that the tree throws out its branches two at a time on opposite sides of the trunk. Mr. Muller has a number of trees on his place which are throwing out three branches at the same time, and he is carefully saving the seeds from these for replanting. Should he be successful in reproducing these trees the yield of berries per tree will be increased by one-third.



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